

2024 EPPL FALL SEASON

WELCOME!

Meeting Structure

- Welcome
- Important updates
- Review of most important topics
- Quick questions
- Dive further into detail



Points of Contact

- General:
 - info@eppremierleague.com
- Rosters, Registrations, IDs, Club Pass, etc.
 - registrar@eppremierleague.com
- Schedules, Conflicts, Requests
 - schedules@eppremierleague.com
- On-Field Issues
 Alejandro Felix
 - afelix@eppremierleague.com
 - (915)861-5790 **COACHES ONLY**



OFFICE AND HOURS

- OFFICE: 661 S MESA HILLS DR. suite 102 El Paso TX 79912
- Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 12pm-6pm



TEXT MESSAGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Text **EPPLCOACH** to **(844)903-2393**
- Text message announcements and important info



IMPORTANT DATES/CALENDAR

- Kick-Off Date: 08/17/2024
- The link to the important dates document can be found on our website under the "LEAGUE INFO" tab.
- HERE



RULES/COACH'S HANDBOOK

- The link to the OFFICIAL EPPL RULES can be found on our website under the "LEAGUE INFO" tab.
- HERE
- The link to the EPPL COACH HANDBOOK can be found on our website under the "RESOURCES" tab on the "COACHES" page.
- HERE



What is EPPL's mission

 To create a competitive league that will help young soccer players from the El Paso, Juarez, and Las Cruces border plex develop, compete, and excel in the beautiful game all while providing a safe and friendly environment for players, parents, and coaches so that they can all focus on the most important aspect of the game: Having fun!

Development FIRST!



REFEREES NEEDED!

• If you or anyone from you club wish to generate extra income on the weekends, please contact us at referees@eppremierleague.com

Goals for the 2024 Spring Season



- Continued effort to ensure safe environment for player development.
 - Foul and disrespectful language will not be tolerated!
 - Improved parent and spectator behavior!
 - NO MORE VIOLENCE!



US CLUB REGIONAL BOYS

- Teams with ½ tickets to the US Club Regional:
- U13 La U USA 2012
- U14 N/A
- U15 Cobras 2010
- U16 RSL El Paso 2009
- U17 2009 Locomotive Academy
- U18 Athletic 2008
- U19 TITANS STA FC 07



US CLUB REGIONAL GIRLS

- Teams with ½ tickets to the US Club Regional:
- U14/15 Lady Legacy
- U16 Lady Legacy
- U17/18 WTX Rush 08 Blue

 Unique situations will be decided on a case by case basis.



- Coach Survey Updates
 - Player Transfer Deadline
 - SEPTEMBER 26TH
 - Individual Awards (PREMIER)
 - Double Header Before Intersession
 - SEPTEMBER 28-29
 - Referee conduct, training, & evaluations.



- Rule UPDATES
 - By Format:
 - 4v4: Deliberate handball inside the penalty arc will result in a PK.
 - 7v7,9v9,11v11: No Update



- Behavior/Consequences UPDATES
 - FIGHTING:
 - Players who are involved in fighting will be suspended a minimum 2 games.
 - If situation escalates, no clear aggressor, game will be called a NO CONTEST.



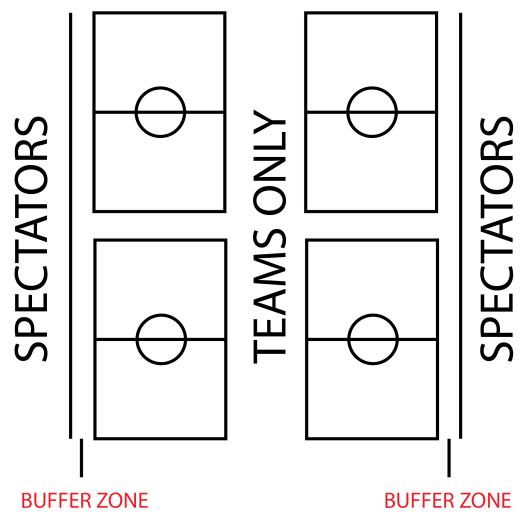
- Behavior/Consequences UPDATES
 - FIGHTING:
 - If spectators engage in a fight before, during, or after a match and no clear aggressor can be determined the match will be called a NO CONTEST.



• <u>NEW SPECTATOR SEATING</u>

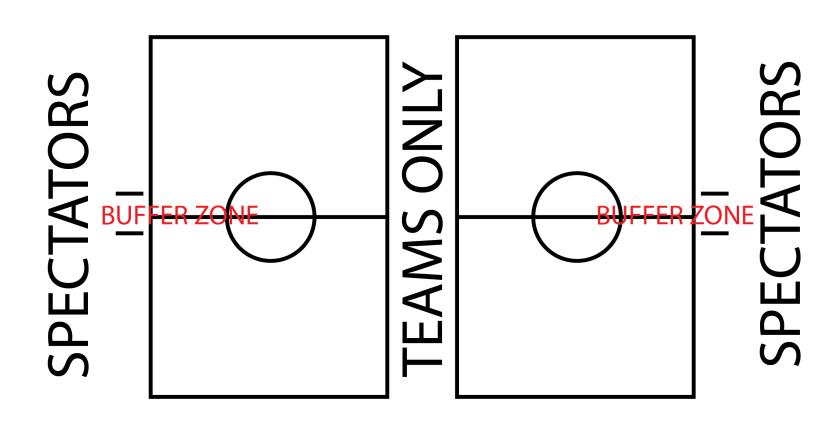


4V4 FIELDS



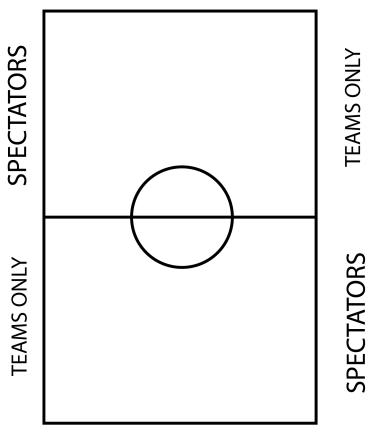


7V7 FIELDS





9V9/11V11 FIELDS



HOME AND AWAY SIDES WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE EPPL MAP

Competitive Divisions

Premier:

- Most competitive division. (only one per age group)
- Ages: U8(7v7)-U19
- Awards:
 - Trophy and Medals for Champion and Finalists.
 - Medals for Third Place, and participation medals for teams that do not place in ages U8-U10
- Individual Players Awards:
 - MVP Award: Awarded to the Champion team Head Coach.
 - Golden Boot Award: Awarded to the player with the most goals in the season.
 - Best GK Award: Awarded to the goalkeeper of the team with the least amount of goals against.
- Team Awards:
 - Champion Teams will be awarded a CHAMPIONS t-shirt commemorating their season's success.
- *Premier Division Champions in the US Club Regional Competition*





Premier Division Important Notice

- Not only COMPETITIVE teams, but also DEDICATED teams.
- Uniform and numbers rules will be enforced WEEK 1*
- Top goal scorer tracking

Competitive Divisions

• Championship:

- Second Tier division (may be multiple per age depending on number of teams)
- Ages: U5-U19
- Awards:
 - Trophy and Medals for Champion and Finalists.
 - Medals for Third Place, and participation medals for teams that do not place in ages U5-U10

Recreational Division

- Strictly Recreational and Developmental division for teams that are just starting out. (May be multiple per age depending on number of teams)
- Ages: U5-U10
- Awards:
 - Participation medals for all players.
 - No champion crowned
- There will be referees on the field to officiate games to maintain a game-like experience for player so that they can continue to develop. However, scores will not be kept.



Promotion and Relegation!



 Teams will move up and down from competitive divisions based on final standings in order to achieve fair and purposeful competition.

ROSTERS

- Roster
 - Official League Roster
 - Players are automatically added to roster once they register.
 - If you are missing any players that you know have registered or need to make any changes. You must send us an email to registrar@eppremierleague.com
 - Only players that have completed, submitted, and paid the registration fee for the league will be approved to play.
- Numbers
 - Rosters must include numbers that match uniforms and Game Report.
- Freeze Dates
 - Rosters will freeze August 15th at 6pm for Week 1
 - Rosters will freeze on the THURSDAY of every game week at 6:00 pm. THERE WILL BE NO GAMEDAY CHANGES!
 - All coaches must be added to the league roster. MAXIMUM 3 per team.
- NO BUSINESS ON THE FIELDS!



ROSTERS

- Rostering Process
 - If you get a new player or need to make a change to your roster it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to let our registration team know in order for them to make the change.
 - Ex. A new player arrives at you club on Monday. You ask them to register before the weekly deadline. Once registered you send and email to registrar@eppremierleague.com letting us know there needs to be an update to the roster. We add the player and must wait for the player to be approved by US Club. I suggest checking back the next day to check on the status. Once player is approved by US Club we will approve them as well and they should now appear on your ROSTER PDF
 - The first step to any change or update is always emailing registrar.



CHECK IN DOCUMENT EXAMPLES:







• Schedules:

- Schedules will be posted for week 1 and 2.
- Once we are all settled in, we will post the rest of the season.
- Schedules are subject to change, upon approval. We hope we can all be understanding and work together.

• Requests:

- All schedule requests should be emailed to <u>schedules@eppremierleague.com</u> prior to August 7th. Any request made through any other platform will not be considered.
- Any requests sent in after the deadline will count as emergency.



- Cancellations/Changes:
 - Coaches can use their EMERGENCY schedule change (2) to make game changes if changes are requested **72hrs** or more prior to gametime.
 - If team does not have any more available emergency requests, schedule will not change, and game will be lost via forfeit.
 - Games cancelled within 48 hrs. of game time will be attempted to be rescheduled if the team has remaining emergency requests. If game is rescheduled, team must pay referee fee for re-scheduled game. If game cannot be rescheduled, the game will be lost via forfeit.
 - Games cancelled within **24 hrs**. of game time WILL BE LOST VIA FORFEIT and will not be rescheduled.



• Forfeits:

- All forfeits will be subject to cancellation fees.
- If a coach wants to purposefully forfeit a game for any reason, the referee will announce the game as a forfeit at half field.
- If BOTH coaches agree, the game can be played as a SCRIMMAGE WITH NO REFEREE(S).
- NO CALL NO SHOW:
- Teams that do not show up to play a game will automatically lose the game via forfeit and will incur cancellation fees.
 - A cancellation fee is equal to referee fee plus a \$30 fine.
 - Team will not be allowed to play until fee is paid.
- A team or club that consistently forfeits games without notifying will no longer be accepted to participate in the EPPL.
- Teams that purposefully do not show up to a game(s) will incur cancellations fees and will be subject to suspension from the league.



- PLAYOFFS and FINALS
 - FINALS WEEKEND IS FINALS WEEKEND
 - ONCE POSTED, Play-offs will not be rescheduled. If you will travel during playoffs (NOT FINALS) and you let us know before August 7th. We will try our best to accommodate to avoid forfeits during playoffs.



COACHES REQUIREMENTS

- Per US Club Soccer Policy, all adults who will serve as a coach or team manager at any participation level must complete the coach requirements and obtain a US Club Soccer ID staff card.
 For more assistance and information please visit the Coaches Resource page on the website eppremierleague.com
- YOU WILL NEED YOUR PHYSICAL COACH ID CARD PRESENT AND VISIBLE AT ALL GAMES IF YOU WANT TO COACH ON THE SIDELINES!
- EVERYONE WILL NEED THEIR STAFF ID CARD STARTING ON **SEPTEMBER 28**th!
- If a coach is not present with an ID the game will be lost via forfeit
- Emergencies?
- Coach with ID must be present ALL GAME!



GAMEDAY

- Be ON TIME! A 10 minute courtesy period, after that the game will be forfeited.
- GAMEBALL!
 - A penalty kick will be awarded to the opposing team at the beginning of the match if a team fails to present a game ball. The game ball must be presented AT GAME TIME. THERE IS NO COURTESY PERIOD FOR A TEAM NOT HAVING A GAME BALL.
- ID Cards, Virtual Cards, Roster must match Game Report
 - For Game Day: A coach may present ID Cards, Virtual Cards, or Roster as means of player identification. Whatever form the coach presents MUST match the GAME REPORT!
 - GotSport "Roster" VS Actual EPPL ROSTER PDF
- Pictures
 - WOULD YOU ACCEPT ONE OF YOUR PLAYERS PICTURES IF THEY WERE ON ANOTHER TEAM?
 - Players whose pictures are not clear and identifiable may be denied playing time.



- Uniforms and Numbers
 - ALL NUMBER RULES WILL BE ENFORCED STARTING SEPTEMBER 28th!
 - PREMIER DIVISION IS ENFORCED WEEK 1!
- Premier and Championship Divisions:
 - All players on team MUST have the same uniform.
 - In cases where a player does not have a uniform yet, they must use a solid color jersey that matches the rest of the team.
 - All players must have a Jersey number and that number must match the OFFICIAL GAME REPORT.
 - Jersey number must be permanent (screen printed, heat pressed, etc.)
 - Any player that does not comply with these rules will not be allowed to play.

Recreational

- All players on team MUST have the same uniform.
 - In cases where a player does not have a uniform yet, they must use a solid color jersey that matches the rest of the team.
- Teams should try their best to get into the practice of having their jersey numbers so that they can be ready for more competitive divisions.





JERSEY AND NUMBERS GUIDE



TEAM UNIFORM





PRACTICE JERSEY **OR PREVIOUS JERSEY** OF THE SAME COLOR





SOLID COLOR TSHIRT OR **JERSEY**

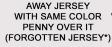
















JERSEY OR TSHIRT WITH SAME COLOR WITH OTHER DESIGNS OR COLORS

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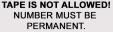






















WRONG NUMBER: PLAYER WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY

A uniform or number problem NEVER results in a forfeit. Any player who does not comply with these rules will simply not be allowed to play. If the player is already on the field, the coach will be asked to take them out and they cannot re-enter until they complies with the rules.

- Coach Behavior/Consequences
 - Coaches will be held to the highest standard and we expect every single coach to behave in a manner that aligns with the values of this league. Coaches will be respectful, supportive, and will do their best to promote good sportsmanship and fair play, so that in return they may instill in their players the same values.
 - In the event that a coach is being disrespectful, rowdy, or showing poor sportsmanship the following will apply:
 - Coach will be given a verbal warning along with a yellow card.
 - The coach will be shown a red card asked to leave the field.
 - If coach does not leave, the game will be forfeited by the offending team regardless of the score.
 - If no other coach is present with a valid ID the game will be lost via forfeit.



- Parent Behavior/Consequences
 - Parents are expected to behave in a manner that aligns with the values of this league. Parents will be respectful, supportive, and will do their best to promote good sportsmanship and fair play.
 - In the event that a parent or group of parents are being disrespectful, rowdy, or showing poor sportsmanship the following will apply:
 - Referee will verbally warn head coach and ask them to control their spectators.
 - If behavior continues, coach will be shown a yellow card (caution)
 - If behavior continues, head coach will be shown a second yellow card, subsequent red card, and will be sent off.
 - Game will continue if coach leaves, and spectators improve their behavior. If those two things do not happen, game will be stopped and forfeited by the offending team regardless of the score or match type.
 - If no other coach is present with a valid ID the game will be lost via forfeit.



- Zero Tolerance for Violence
 - There will be a zero tolerance for violence in this league!
 - Any team that engages in physical violence will be subject to suspension from the league and no refunds will be given.

Pitch Invasion

 Any pitch invasion by a spectator or coach to incite or participate in violence will result in a forfeit for the offending team.



REFEREE GRIEVANCES

- Referee protests will be handled through our Referee
 Grievance Protocol that can be found on our website.
- The form must be filled out and emailed to <u>info@eppremierleague.com</u> so that we can keep tabs on refs and ensure the best experience for everyone
- Only serious and concrete grievances will be taken into consideration.
- No referee will be fired or suspended on the first offense!
- We will not tolerate any threats against referee!

• Important Grievances:

- Does not check IDs
- Does not know rules
- Is rude or disrespectful



Coach/Spectator Complaints by Ref or other EPPL participants

- Referees and other EPPL participants will also have the right to let EPPL staff know if a coach or group of spectators are continuously rude and disruptive.
- If a complaint is filed against a coach or spectator group, the following will apply:
 - Coach/Spectators will be observed by EPPL staff at a separate game to ensure complaint hold merit. If EPPL staff decides the complaint has merit a 1st warning will be issued.
 - If issue persists, and another complaint is filed, coach will receive a 2nd official warning.
 - If issue persists, and another complaint is filled, the coach or spectators will be suspended for 1 game.
 - If issues persists, and another complaint is filled, the coach or spectators will be suspended for the remainder of the season.



Cheating/Protests/Consequences

- Cheating
 - There will be no tolerance for cheating in this league. A team caught cheating will suffer the following consequences:
 - On the first offense, a team will lose the game in which the offense takes place, plus all games previous games.
 - THIS INCLUDES PURPOSEPLY PLAYING A PLAYER NOT ON THE ROSTER AND OVER AGE PLAYERS!
 - If there is a second offense, team will be suspended from the league and no refunds will be issued.
 - In case of a third offense, the coach responsible will be suspended from this league indefinitely.



Cheating/Protests/Consequences

- Protests
 - Protests must be handled at the site of play and must occur before the game, at half time, or right after the game before signing the game report.
 - If a coach has reason to believe a player is not eligible, they may approach the referee and ask to see the player's ID and check it against the game report.



- Formal player age protest
 - Do not be a part of the problem
 - Make a formal protest via email to formally protest a players age.

CLUB PASS

- WHAT IS A CLUB?
 - Enrolled by the same account
 - Have the same uniforms with the same club logo
 - Have one designated club "registrar" responsible for all roster change communication.
- League officials have the right to deny teams a "club" designation if they find the group of teams does not function as a club.



CLUB PASS

- More detailed information on Club Pass can be found on eppremierleague.com
 - A player may not play in two teams in the same AGE GROUP regardless of CP designation.
 - Girls may play in their ALL-GIRLS division then CP to the boy's division in the same age.
 - A player may only play in their age group as their primary team, and then CP up to an older age group.
 - U8 and U10 exceptions
 - If a player is playing in a RECREATIONAL Division, they may only CP to other RECREATIONAL Division teams.
- Players that wish to participate will be able to sign up for Club Pass via a link on our website.
- SCHEDULES WILL NOT BE MODIFIED TO ACCOMMODATE CP PLAYERS!
- Coaches will email their Club Pass Player Sheet to registrar@eppremierleague.com. This sheet can be downloaded on our website.





CLOSING

- Remember the **DEADLINES**
- Get your Coach IDs done ASAP
- Control your parents
- NO BUSINESS AT THE FIELDS!
- GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP!
- FAIR PLAY!
- LET THE KIDS PLAY!